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L.D. 239

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 194, L.D. 239, Bill, "An Act to Elevate the Standards of Foster Parenting in the State"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the concept draft summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Reports of Foster/Adoptive Parent Advisory Committee.
The Department of Human Services shall require its Foster/Adoptive Parent Advisory Committee to prepare and deliver an oral and written report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters every 6 months beginning October 2003. The report must include, but is not limited to, the following: issues that the committee has examined since the last report; recommendations for changes to the adoption and foster care system to address those issues; and a review of department plans for rulemaking in the areas of adoption and foster care, including plans for major substantive rules and routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The written report must also include, as attachments, meeting agendas, meeting minutes and other documents prepared by the committee since the last report.

Sec. 2. Committee cochairs. The Foster/Adoptive Parent Advisory Committee shall have cochairs of the committee and at least one cochair must be a foster or adoptive parent.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 194, L.D. 239

SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Foster/Adoptive Parent Advisory Committee to deliver an oral and written report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters every 6 months. The amendment specifies the contents of the report. The amendment also requires the Foster/Adoptive Parent Advisory Committee to have cochairs and requires that one of the cochairs must be a foster or adoptive parent.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 239

Resolve, To Elevate the Standards of Foster Parenting in the State

LR 1135(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes



Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Human Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the Department utilizing existing resources.